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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON HEGNER AND RENK OF FONOFF TO DISCUSS OUR RECENT EXPERIENCES WITH CSCE IMPLEMENTATION PER REFTEL. AS ON PAST CONSULTATIONS, SWISS OFFICIALS WERE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN ALL OUR OBSERVATIONS, AND EXPRESSED WISH TO CONTINUE HOLDING THESE MEETINGS FROM TIME TO TIME.

2. SWISS CONTRIBUTED SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. IT HAD BEEN THEIR EXPERIENCE THAT FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS, OFTEN INVOLVING ELDERLY PERSONS, SEEMED TO CAUSE SOVIETS AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES LESS DIFFICULTY THAN BINATIONAL MARRIAGES. ON IMPLEMENTING CULTURAL EXCHANGES, HEGNER NOTED THAT EAST GERMANS WERE MOVING WITH GLACIAL SPEED WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED AT LEAST IN PART TO ASSUMPTION THAT EAST GERMANS MAY BE MORE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT CLOSER TIES WITH GERMAN SPEAKING COUNTRIES THAN WITH OTHERS. HEGNER ALSO SAID THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD SOVIET NOTIFICATION OF "CAUCASUS" MANEUVER HAD NOT BEEN EXPLICITLY LINKED TO FINAL ACT, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND HAD IN FACT ORALLY MADE THIS LINKAGE IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH HIM.

3. SWISS STATED THAT GOS THINKING WAS STILL IN THE POST-HELSINKI RATHER THAN THE PRE-BELGRADE STAGE. THE INTERNAL CSCE MACHINERY HAS BEEN MOTHBALLIED AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE REACTIVATED UNTIL AFTER SUMMER 1976. GOS THEREFORE HAS NO VIEWS AS YET ON LENGTH AND SUBSTANCE

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OF FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. MEANWHILE, SWISS CSCE ACTIVITY IS LARGEY CONFINED TO GATHERING INFORMATION AND ACQUAINTING SWISS BUSINESSMEN TRADING WITH EASTERN EUROPE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT.

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